PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE
FOURTH REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE
PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON THE
PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT,
PRODUCTION AND STOCKPILING OF
BACTERIOLOGICAL (BIOLOGICAL) AND TOXIN
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ESTIMATED COSTS OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE AND THE FOURTH REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND STOCKPILING OF BACTERIOLOGICAL (BIOLOGICAL) AND TOXIN WEAPONS AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION

Note by the Secretariat

1. The Fourth Preview Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction will be held in Geneva from 25 November to 6 December 1996. The Conference was preceded by a Preparatory Committee which met in Geneva from 9-10 April 1996.

2. The costs of the Review Conference and its Preparatory Committee (including both conference and non-conference servicing requirements) are estimated at US$ 1,245,800 and US$ 134,100 respectively. A breakdown of these costs is provided in the annex to the present document.

3. It should be noted that the costs are estimated on the basis of past experience and anticipated workload. The actual costs will only be determined after closure of the sessions when the exact workload is known. At that time, any adjustment in the contributions by the participants sharing the costs will be made accordingly.

4. With regard to the financial arrangements, it will be recalled that in accordance with the practice followed on the occasion of previous disarmament conferences, the costs of such conferences, including those pertaining to preparatory meetings, were shared among the States Parties participating in the conferences based on the United Nations scale of assessment pro-rated to take into account the number of States Parties participating in the conferences. States which were not States Parties to the Convention and which had accepted the invitation to take part in the conferences shared in the costs to the extent of their respective rates of assessment under the United Nations scale.

5. In accordance with past practice, assessment notices will be prepared based on the overall estimated costs and the applicable cost-sharing formula. Since the holding of the sessions of the Preparatory Committee and the Review Conference shall have no financial implication for the regular budget of the Organization, States Parties should proceed with the payment of their share of the estimated costs as soon as assessment notices have been received.

Annex

			Fourth Review Conference (US$)	Preparatory Committee (US$)
(A)	Conference-servicing costs			
	(i)	Pre-session documentation	115,200	
	(ii)	Meeting servicing (Fourth Review Conference, 40 meetings; Preparatory Committee, 4 meetings)	318,300	32,000
	(iii)	In-session documentation	378,100	29,000
	(iv)	Post-session documentation	78,600	45,100
	(v)	Summary records	113,600	
	(vi)	Other requirements	42,400	8,000
		Sub-Total (a)	1,046,200	114,100
(B)	Non-conference-servicing costs			
	(i)	Travel and daily subsistence allowance for one Political Affairs Officer from the Centre for Disarmament Affairs	8,000	4,600
	(ii)	General temporary assistance at the GS level (May-Dec 1996)	33,600	
	(iii)	Consultancy (1 month)	4,200	
	(iv)	Office of the Secretary-General of the Conference (Special Post Allowance and hospitality)	4,000	
	(v)	Press coverage	6,500	
		Sub-Total (b)	56,300	4,600

Total (a) and (b)	**1,102,500**	**118,700**
(C) Programme support costs (13 % of total estimates)	143,300	15,400
Grand Total (a + b+c)	**1,245,800**	**134,100**